

LIFE-SAVING SERVICE.

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LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*A communication from the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service relating to officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service on detached duty during 1896 with the Life-Saving Service.*

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JANUARY 16, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
January 15, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the favorable consideration of Congress in connection with the urgent deficiency bill, a communication from the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service submitting an item asking authority to pay from the appropriation for expenses of that Service for commutation of quarters to officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service while serving on detailed duty during the fiscal year 1896, in connection with the Life-Saving Service.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE, *Acting Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT  
LIFE-SAVING SERVICE,  
Washington, D. C., January 15, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith an item for transmission to Congress for consideration in connection with the urgency deficiency bill asking authority to pay from the current appropriation for the Life-Saving Service for commutation of quarters for officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service detailed for duty in the Life-Saving Service.

Respectfully, yours,

S. I. KIMBALL,  
*General Superintendent.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896,  
by the Life-Saving Service.*

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*Life-Saving Service.*—Authority is hereby granted the Secretary of the Treasury to pay for commutation of quarters for officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service detailed for duty in the Life-Saving Service the sum of \$5,160, or so much thereof as may be required; the same to be paid from the regular annual appropriation for the Life-Saving Service for the fiscal year 1896.

NOTE.—The request for the above authority is made necessary by the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury dated June 3, 1895, amending the regulations of the Revenue-Cutter Service, which circular provides that "no commutation of quarters shall be allowed to officers of the Revenue-Cutter Service while serving on detached service in connection with any other branch of the public service," the intention being that the service receiving the benefit of the detail should bear the expense.

The estimates for the expenses of the Life-Saving Service for the fiscal year 1897 contain the necessary language to effect this object, but the appropriation for the current year, which became a law prior to the date of the circular referred to, makes no provision therefor.